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<p>14.</p> <p>ZZZZZ R28</p> <p>VIENNA, AUSTRIA, OCT. 10-(REUTERS)-CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAS DEMANDED THAT AUSTRIA HAND OVER DR. FERDINAND DURCANSKY, A FORMER MEMBER OF THE GERMAN-SPONSORED WARTIME CZECH GOVERNMENT WHO HAS BEEN SENTENCED TO DEATH IN HIS ABSENCE FOR ALLEGED WAR CRIMES, IT WAS ANNOUNCED HERE TODAY.</p> <p>DURCANSKY LEFT VIENNA LAST NIGHT AFTER LECTURING MONDAY ON SLOVAK HISTORY TO A SYMPOSIUM ARRANGED BY THE RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR THE DANUBE AREA. HE ORIGINALLY WAS DUE TO LEAVE LATER TODAY.</p> <p>THE DEMAND FOR HIS EXTRADITION WAS HANDED TO THE AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY BY THE CZECH LEGATION YESTERDAY, A PRESS CONFERENCE WAS TOLD.</p> <p>DURCANSKY, WHO NOW LIVES IN MUNICH, IS CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE "SLOVAK LIBERATION COUNCIL." CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAS REPEATEDLY DEMANDED HIS EXTRADITION FROM WEST GERMANY.</p> <p>DURCANSKY WAS MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR AND FOREIGN MINISTER OF SLOVAKIA BETWEEN 1939 AND 1945, AND WAS IN 1946 ALLEGED TO BE PARTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR NAZI CRIMES AND MASS EXTERMINATION MEASURES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.</p> <p>AN AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAID IT WOULD TAKE SEVERAL DAYS AT LEAST TO ANSWER THE CZECH NOTE BECAUSE THE CASE HAD TO BE THOROUGHLY EXAMINED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE JUSTICE MINISTRY.</p> <p>CZECH OFFICIALS SAID, IF EXTRADITED, DURCANSKY WOULD BE EXECUTED IMMEDIATELY UNLESS NEW EVIDENCE WAS PRODUCED.</p> <p>GRB 7:27A</p>				
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